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SUBJECT: U.S. POLICY FOR MICRONESIAN UNITY

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED ON SAIPAN APRIL 26
BY AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT MICRONESIAN UNITY--
THE UNITY OF THE MARSHALLS AND THE CAROLINES--CAN AND SHOULD
BE PRESERVED AND THE U.S. INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO WORK COOP-
ERATIVELY WITH THE LEADERS OF MICRONESIA IN ALL OF THE DIS-
TRICTS TOWARD THIS GOAL. WE BELIEVE FURTHER THAT THE DRAFT
COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED OVER A
PERIOD OF YEARS IS A SUITABLE INSTRUMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WE ALSO HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE BASIC IDEALS SO
ELOQUENTLY EXPRESSED IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE
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FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND FOR THE LONG HELD

DESIRES OF THE PEOPLES OF MICRONESIA FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITY AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF MICRONESIAN SOCIETY. THE U.S. CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT THE TWIN IDEALS OF UNITY AND SELF-GOVERNMENT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IN A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF THE PEOPLES OF THE CAROLINE AND THE MARSHALLS.

WHILE THERE CLEARLY ARE SOME FUNDAMENTAL INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION AND THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE--NO CONFLICT--BETWEEN THE TWO WITH RESPECT TO THE IDEAL OF A UNITED MICRONESIA AND OF SELF-GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE.

TO SUMMARIZE--THE U.S. SUPPORTS, AS IT HAS IN THE PAST, THE UNITY OF THE MARSHALLS AND THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CAROLINES AND IT HOPES THAT THEY WILL REMAIN UNITED IN THE FUTURE. END TEXT.

AT THEIR DISCRETION AND IN WAYS THEY DEEM MOST USEFUL, EMBASSY ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO BRING STATEMENT TO EARLY ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENTS.

SEPTTEL PROVIDES ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND.

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